

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A doctor blade device [[[01)]] for cleaning a surface, having a doctor blade [[[03)]] and a trough [[[09)]] for receiving material which is wiped off from the surface by the doctor blade (03), ~~characterized in that~~ , wherein the doctor blade [[[03)]] can be moved between a position in which it protrudes from an opening [[[13)]] in the trough [[[09)]] and a position in which it is lowered into the trough (09), ~~and in that~~ , and wherein the trough [[[09)]] has a closure element [[[07)]] which, in the lowered position of the doctor blade [[[03)]] , is capable of closing the opening [[[13)]] .

2. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the trough [[[09)]] has a cylindrical chamber [[[08)]] , about [[the]] a longitudinal axis of which the closure element [[[07)]] can rotate.

3. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the closure element [[[07)]] is arranged within the chamber [[[08)]] .

4. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it has~~ claim 2, comprising an actuator [[[33, 21)]] for pivoting the doctor blade [[[03)]] about the longitudinal axis [[[A)]] of the chamber [[[08)]] between the position which protrudes out of the trough [[[09)]] and the lowered position.

5. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the doctor blade [[[03)]] is deformed elastically in the lowered position.

6. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5 and claim 2 or 3, characterized in that~~ , wherein the closure element [[[07)]] can be pivoted by the actuator [[[33, 21)]] .

7. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the trough $[(09)]$ is provided with a feed line and a discharge line $[(17)]$ for a cleaning fluid.

8. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ 7, wherein the feed line $[(17)]$ and the discharge line $[(17)]$ open into opposite end sections of the trough $[(09)]$.

9. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9, characterized in that~~ 7, comprising a pump $[(30)]$ for circulating cleaning fluid through the trough $[(09)]$.

10. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ 9, wherein a control circuit $[(32)]$ for the pump $[(30)]$, which is coupled to the position of the closure element $[(07)]$ and, when the chamber $[(08)]$ is closed, permits a higher throughput of the pump $[(30)]$ than when the chamber $[(08)]$ is open.

11. (currently amended) The doctor blade device as claimed in ~~one of claims 8 to 11, characterized in that it has~~ claim 7, comprising a closed circuit for the cleaning fluid.